

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3305

INFO AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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NEW DELHI FOR DEA

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SNAR PINT NP

SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER REPORTED CLEARED OF HASHISH  
SMUGGLING CHARGES

REF: KATHMANDU 4698

1. ACTING DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE OF KARNALI  
ZONE HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FROM HIS POST IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
HASHISH SMUGGLING CASE DESCRIBED REFTEL. TWO OTHER PERSONS  
HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY POLICE.

2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE REPORTS PALACE INQUIRY INTO  
BEHAVIOR OF ZONAL COMMISSIONER BASTOLA AND PRIME  
MINISTER RIJAL HAS OFFICIALLY CLEARED THEM OF CHARGES THAT  
THEY WERE INVOLVED IN SMUGGLING AFFAIR. REPORT IS NOT  
EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC.

3. COMMENT: JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS IN KATHMANDU ARE  
OPENLY SKEPTICAL OF REPORT ABSOLVING RIJAL AND BASTOLA OF  
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COMPLICITY IN CASE. WHILE WE ARE NOT IN A POSITION TO

JUDGE ACCURACY OF THESE REPORTS, ONE HIGH OFFICIAL OF HMG  
CUSTOMS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT ORIGINAL CONSIGNMENT HAD  
BEEN MARKED "FOR PRIME MINISTER OR MEMBER OF HIS IMMEDIATE  
FAMILY."  
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## Message Attributes

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